

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A placement/net wiring processing method, comprising:  
reading out a placement and wiring processing program from a program storage unit  
installed in a server device;

copying said read out placement and wiring processing program on a storage unit  
installed in a client device and establishing an environment to execute a copied program for  
operating and processing ~~the~~ placement and wiring to design a layout of a piece of an integrated  
circuit, in the client device;

executing placement and wiring processing based on said copied placement and wiring  
processing program stored in said storage unit, and

modifying a function of said placement and wiring processing program stored in said  
program storage unit during the execution of said placement and wiring processing in the client  
device.

15. (currently amended) A placement/net wiring processing method, comprising:  
copying a placement and wiring processing program read out from a program storage  
unit installed in the server device on a storage unit provided to a client device, and establishing  
~~the an~~ environment to execute a copied program for operating and processing ~~the~~ placement  
and wiring to design a layout of a piece of an integrated circuit, in said client device;

storing execution history information associated with said placement and wiring  
processing program every time a series of placement and wiring processing is executed, in a  
history information storage unit installed in said client device;

after said series of placement and wiring processing is executed, checking the series of  
placement and wiring processing operated through said placement and wiring processing  
program based on said execution history information so stored, and

displaying error information detected by said checking.

16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (previously presented) A placement/net wiring processing method, comprising:  
executing placement and wiring processing based on a copy of placement and wiring  
processing program stored in a storage unit to design a layout an integrated circuit, and  
modifying a function of an original of said placement and wiring processing program  
stored in a program storage unit during the execution of said placement and wiring processing.

29. (currently amended) A placement/net wiring processing method, comprising:  
storing an execution history information associated with a placement and wiring  
processing program to design a layout of placement and wiring of an integrated circuit as a  
series of placement and wiring processing is executed; and  
error checking the series of placement and wiring processing operated through said  
placement and wiring processing program based on said execution history information so stored.